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## Youth Boxing Coach to be Arraigned in Sex Assault Case

A former Olympic gold medalist and youth boxing coach is scheduled to be arraigned today on charges that he sexually assaulted a 13-year-old girl last year, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Paul Gonzales (dob 4/18/64) is expected to be arraigned in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center. He is charged in case BA464024 with four counts of lewd act upon a child and one count each of attempted lewd act upon a child, possession of child pornography, distributing or showing pornography to a minor and contact with a minor for sexual offense.

Deputy District Attorney Jennifer Hall Cops of the Sex Crimes Division is prosecuting the case.

Gonzales, who won a gold medal in boxing at the 1984 Summer Olympics, worked at the Eddie Heredia Boxing Club in East Los Angeles. He occasionally trained the 13-year-old victim and allegedly committed the crimes between May and December 2017.

If convicted as charged, he faces a possible maximum sentence of 18 years and four months in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.